

REMARKS

This response is filed in view of the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in connection with this case. In the decision issued July 7, 2006, the Board affirmed the Examiner with respect to some rejections, and reversed the Examiner with respect to others. This response is intended to place the present application in condition for allowance.

In particular, claim 20 has been canceled. However, claim 20 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20. Since claim 17 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 20, which has been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, that should mean that all dependent claims that depend from claim 17 should be in condition for allowance, including claims 18, 19 and 21.

Claims 14, 15 and 16 have been canceled.

It is believed that this places the present application in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested. If perchance counsel for Applicant has overlooked any matter that needs to be addressed, or if the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

If any fees are required please charge them to Deposit Account No. 18-1167. For the forgoing reason, it is respectfully urged that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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